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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Industries (A) Department NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No.16/2025/ID
S. R. O. No. 258/2025

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 8th March, 2025
24th Kumbham 1200

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following Rules further to amend the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 issued by notification under G. O. (P) No.16/2015/ID dated 7th February, 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 72/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 288 dated 7th February, 2015, namely:-



RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*-(1) These Rules may be called the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of the Rules.— In the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015,-

(1) in rule 7, for the existing proviso the following provisos shall be substituted namely:-

"Provided that the applicant for Laterite (Building stone) shall pay royalty in advance half yearly or yearly for the corresponding quantity of mineral proposed to be mined as per the approved mining plan.;

Provided further that in case where extraction of minerals are from revenue purampoke lands or from lands by other Government Departments or Local Self Governments, the person who extracts minerals from such lands shall pay compensation or value of minerals, as the case may be, to the department concerned for the quantity of such extractions, as fixed by such departments from time to time".

(2) for sub-rule(1) of rule 13, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"(1) Before applying for movement permit under a quarrying permit for first time, every quarrying permit holder of Granite (Building stone) and Laterite (Building stone) shall furnish a financial guarantee of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh) and Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) respectively for due and proper implementation of the progressive mine closure plan contained in the mining plan or the final mine closure plan, as the case may be."

(3) in SCHEDULE I, for the entries against item No.5, in column (2) and (3), the following entries shall respectively be substituted, namely:-

" Granite and Laterite (Building stone)

(i) Granite (Building stone)	(i) 48 (forty eight) per tonne
(ii) Laterite (Building stone)	(ii) 32 (thirty two) per tonne."

By order of the Governor,

A P M MOHAMMED HANISH,
Principal Secretary to Government.



Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per the report submitted by the Technical Committee constituted by the Government to study the problems pertaining in Laterite (Building stone) in the quarrying sector, the Government have decided to reduce the rate of royalty of Laterite (Building stone) from Rs. 48/- to Rs.32/- and the financial guarantee for Laterite mining from Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh) to Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) and the permit holder shall be allowed to pay the royalty in half yearly or yearly based on the mineral proportion in the Laterite (Building stone) quarrying sector. Hence decided to amend the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 accordingly.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

